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A HOME FOR ASSASSINS.

The murder of Police Lieutenant Petrosino by Sicilian thugs will revive for a short time the public interest in such revision of our immigration laws as may prevent this country being longer the asylum for the criminals of the world, says the San Francisco Chronicle.

Almost daily there are reports of crimes perpetrated or threatened by villains using the signature of the "Black Hand," which has been widely advertised as a trade-mark of murderers, but which probably does not stand for any organization other than the general international comradeship of thugs. Bloodthirstiness of this kind is not an attribute of the mainly northern races, and while we receive murderous immigrants from all countries, the majority, and the worst, are unquestionably from Southern Italy, and especially Sicily. Brigandage and organized murder have been rife in that part of Italy from time immemorial, and as we know more of the people we are more and more inclined to wonder whether the alleged tyrannies of the Bourbon Kings of the two Sicilies were really more than what their subjects deserved. The inhabitants of Southern Italy and Sicily are the descendants of more kinds of ancestors than those of almost any other district of the world, and the admixture of African and Asiatic blood, modified however much by intermarriage with Euro-

peans, has produced a race whose lower orders are about the worst in the world among races which are counted as civilized. These people bear no resemblance to the inhabitants of Central and Northern Italy, from whom we get some of the best types of American citizenship, nor to the better classes of Southern Italy, but of most of the peasantry of that district it is not too much to say that no one of them should ever be admitted to this or any other decent country except upon conclusive affirmative proof of fitness.

The Italian government carries on a continuous war with this criminal element of Southern Italy, and it is said will gladly co-operate with our own government in preventing them from desecrating the Italian name in this country. But so far as keeping out criminals, our immigration laws are shams. They hardly oppose an obstacle to entrance. Nor is there any way of preventing the United States from continuing to be an asylum for the vile except provision—and very stringent provision—for the examination of immigrants before embarkation for this country. After their arrival, there is in most cases no way of detecting the criminals. A few are sent back but, as we see, the eastern country is full of them. We shall get them here whenever the Panama canal is finished. Our immigration laws need revolutionary changes. For a week or two after some crime which shocks the whole country there is a universal demand for such changes, and then it is forgotten. Nor shall we ever get protection from this curse until we send to congress more statesmen and fewer politicians.

SWEETZ MAKES FINE RECORD.

H. M. Sweetz of this city, representative in the recent territorial legislature from San Miguel county, made a record for himself of which Las Vegas is justly proud. He was one of the best representatives that this county has ever had.

His exceptional ability and worth were quickly recognized at the capital and a great deal of dependence was placed on him by those who were advocating decent legislation. There was no difficulty in finding out at any time how Mr. Sweetz stood. He hid behind no one and used his best judgment in all matters which concerned the welfare of the territory and his constituents. He was one of the reg-

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ulars and a firm believer in the general policies of Governor Curry.

Mr. Sweetz has the high regard of his fellow townsmen and returned to his home city without one apology to make. The reception he has received is in marked contrast to the welcome some of the members of the house will be given when they meet their constituents.

JUDGE LONG AT CLAYTON

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surprising to notice how persistently the "new-comers" adhere to their belief that this country is at the threshold of new and better conditions, which will make the desert blossom as a rose.

It is worth the price of a trip from Raton to Des Moines to see the

country, consisting as it does of broad expanse of flat and rolling lands, broken by hills and mountains of mal pale. The country at one time was red hot with belching volcanoes and molten lava.

How vast the change from that period! This change is yet going on. From lurid flames, blasting out of volcanic peaks, discharging rocks and ashes and lava, to wide expanse of fertile earth covered with rich, nourishing grasses, is a change so great that it staggers the imagination to contemplate it, yet it is so, and the proof is here all about us.

Have the laws of nature ceased their operation? Have the great forces, hourly at work in the past, converting this region from a sea of fire to a beautiful landscape of richest pasture called a halt and "gone out of business," or are these same

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laws continuing their ceaseless change, preparing new places for the habitation and happiness of man.

The past has wrought immense changes. Nature is yet at work, and silently evolving new conditions to meet our ever multiplying necessities.

If man will only thoroughly do his part, in due time all else will come.

We must not expect these great events to come in a day or a year. It requires time, faith, work and patience, all working together hopefully, persistently and patiently. The great forests of the timbered states were not cut down in a single season.

A generation of sturdy men exhausted itself hewing down the trees, rolling and burning the logs, converting the forests into homes.

Another generation was wasted in digging out the stumps, plowing the fields, tearing down the old cabins of the first settlers and rebuilding stately homes for prosperous farmers. So it was on the prairies of Illinois, Iowa and Kansas.

First came the sod house, the big breaking teams, sod corn, "fever and ager," with cartloads of quinine, but

faith and work did their perfect work.

So it must be with us in and about Las Vegas and the plains country. We must be patient and not lose our grip. We must make haste slowly.

Those who expect big farm houses, and red barns to arise in a night are dreamers.

Lawyers, doctors and even preachers, do not develop in a single season. The immense Hfeld company, the great E. Rosenwald & Son establishment, the splendid Gross, Kelly & Co. concerns, and similar lines did not develop in a year's time. They were evolved by time and ceaseless energy and work.

So it is in all life. We must not be knockers and kickers because the mesa has not done in three years what it has required other countries a generation to do.

So it is all over the plains region. The new-comers are here and coming. The bees are swarming. Season in and season out the progression will be continual and success come.

Let us hasten the day by getting into line and by boosting the work.

E. V. LONG.

Women's Spring Tailored Suits at \$25.00

WE feature for the next few days Women's New Tailored Suits at \$25.00. Our buyer while in New York got a manufacturer to make a number of suits in the exact duplicate of the higher priced—of course the cloth and linings are not as fine as in the \$60.00 suits, but the style and the dash is there, and we are not telling a story when we say that most stores would

get **\$35.00** for them.

They come in variety styles, long coats, hipless coats—some Empire backs, some elaborately trimmed, some plain. Colors are, grey, blue, brown, also black, in Serges, worsteds and flannels, striped or plain.

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